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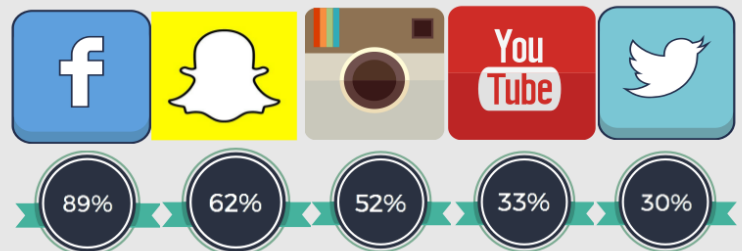
# Exploring the use of social media by occupational therapy students

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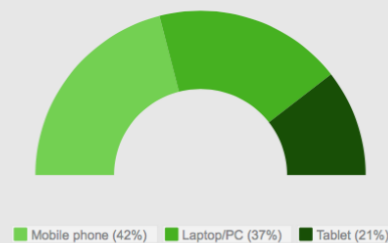
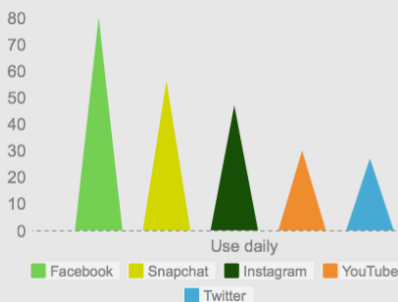
Summary of findings from an online survey, conducted as part of mixed methods study,  
Student as Co-Researcher (SCoRe) dissertation project.  
Questions in the survey were adapted with permission, from Hall et al 2013.

## WHAT social media students use

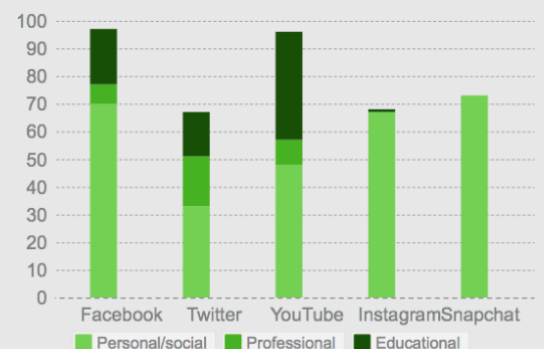
2 out of the 90 students who responded to the survey did NOT use social media



## HOW students use social media



## WHY students use social media



## Summary of Findings

- Social media is very popular with students who participated in this online survey
- Facebook was most popular & mainly used for personal and social use.
- In terms of academic use; YouTube is used for educational purposes whilst Facebook mainly was mainly used for the purposes of support & networking.
- Twitter is the least used platform by students although final year students used it more for academic use compared with first year students.